

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorney's Docket No. 42416-252140 (02491-0111)

In re Application of: Thomas P. Branch
 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Orthotic Apparatus and Method for Using Same**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used by others in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application. I further state that the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of this application. *I understand that I have a duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office*, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate disclosing subject matter in common with the above-identified specification and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed Under 35 USC §119</u>
<u>PCT/US99/18074</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>August 10, 1999</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/096,105</u>	<u>August 10, 1998</u>	<u>60/096,104</u>	<u>August 10, 1998</u>
<u>60/095,952</u>	<u>August 10, 1998</u>	(Filing Date)	(Application No.)
(Application No.)		(Application No.)	(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status: patented, pending, abandoned</u>
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No.: **09/779,329** Group Art Unit: **3764**
Filed: **February 8, 2001** Examiner: **Hamilton, L.**
For: **ORTHOTIC APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

January 28, 2002

As the named inventor for the above identified

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REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY

I hereby revoke all powers of attorney previously given and

NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY

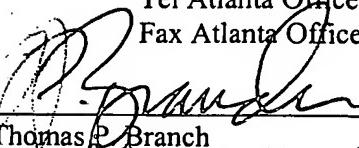
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- Attached as part of this power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative.

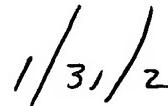
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